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RESPONSE

This is in response to the Action mailed September 26, 1996, setting forth a restriction requirement to one of three Groups as follows:

Group I. Claims 1-5, drawn to a process for cutting, classified in Class 83, sub 13.

Group II. Claims 6-10, drawn to a cutting tool, classified in Class 83, sub 673.

Group III. Claim 11, drawn to a body, classified in Class 606.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group II (claims 6-10) in this application, without prejudice to filing one or more divisional applications.

Species

The action further asserts that there are the following patentably distinct species of the claimed apparatus of Group II as follows:

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Group IIa: Figures 1a-1b
Group IIb: Figures 2a-2c
Group IIc: Figure 3
Group IID: Figure 4
Group IIe: Figure 5
Group IIIf: Figure 6

The Action requires applicants to elect a single species for prosecution from among these six sub-groups of Group II, if the claims of Group II are elected for prosecution.

Accordingly, applicants elect the species of Figures 2a-2c (Group IIb).

Further, applicants assert that claim 6 is generic to the species of Figures 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 and that claim 7 also reads on the elected species of Group IIb.

Early and favorable action on the merits is solicited.

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